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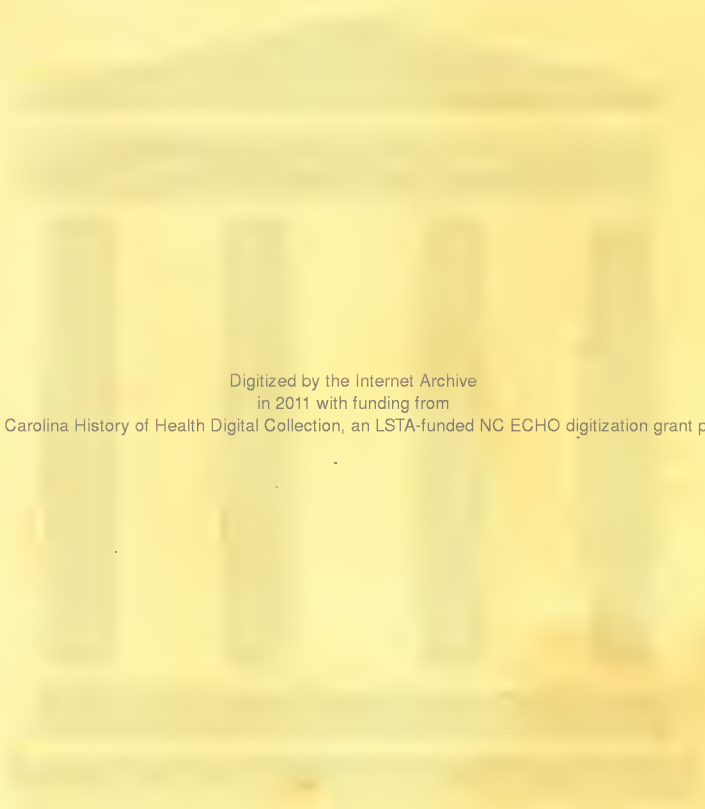
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# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.—*Title of the Society.*

The title of the Society shall be "THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA."

## ARTICLE II.—*The Objects of the Society.*

The objects of this Society shall be the advancement of medical knowledge, the elevation of professional character, and the promotion of all measures of a professional nature that are adapted to the relief of suffering humanity, and to improve the health and protect the lives of the community.

## ARTICLE III.—*Members of the Society.*

SEC. 1. This Society shall consist of Permanent Members, Delegates, Associates and Honorary Members.

SEC. 2. The Permanent Members shall consist of such regular Physicians as shall be admitted on motion of a member: *Provided*, he receives two-thirds of the votes present; and the member thus admitted shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society. He must first sign the Constitution and By-Laws, and pay the assessment.

SEC. 3. The Delegates shall receive their appointment from the County Societies, and from the Counties that have no Society a delegate may be appointed by the Profession of the County: *Provided*, they have as many as two regular Practitioners within the County.

SEC. 4. Every Delegate, before admission to a seat in the Society, shall produce a certificate of delegation, signed by the President or Secretary of the County Society or Association, and shall sign the Constitution and pay the assessment.

SEC. 5. Each Delegate shall hold his appointment for one year, or until another is appointed to succeed him.

SEC. 6. Every member of a County Society shall be an Associate Member of the State Medical Society.

SEC. 7. An Associate Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of attending upon the deliberations of the Society, and take part in its discussions, but shall not be allowed to vote, nor shall he be eligible to office.

#### ARTICLE IV.—*Of the Officers.*

SEC. 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, four Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and Treasurer.

SEC. 2. A Committee composed of five members shall be appointed by the President to nominate officers and honorary members, and those nominations shall be voted on *viva voce*.

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SEC. 3. None but permanent members and delegates shall be eligible to the office of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SEC. 4. There shall be annually appointed an Executive Committee of three members, whose duties shall be to investigate the professional status of members of this Society. Their duty shall comprehend the reports of any violation of the Code of Medical Ethics, or any irregularity either of members or auxiliary Societies, and also to make such recommendations for the improvement of the profession of the State as they may deem proper.

#### ARTICLE V.—*Duties of the Officers.*

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at the meeting, preserve order, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary usage may require. He shall not be eligible for two terms in succession.

SEC. 2. The Vice Presidents, when called upon, shall assist the President in the performance of his duties, and during the absence, and at the request of the President, one of them shall officiate in his place. They shall not be eligible for two terms in succession.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall conduct the correspondence, and perform such other duties as usually appertain to that office; and shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and shall fairly transcribe the same, when

approved, in a book to be kept for the purpose. He shall have charge of all papers belonging to the Society, other than those appertaining to the Treasurer; and shall give due notice of the annual meetings, and shall receive such compensation as the Society may from year to year determine.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Society and give receipts for all sums paid into his hands to the individual paying the same, and disburse them as directed, preserving vouchers for the same. He shall annually present a statement of the finances to the Society, which shall be referred to a committee of three delegates to be audited.

#### ARTICLE VI.—*Of the County Societies.*

SEC. 1. The members of the profession in any county of this State, who form themselves into a County Society, may become auxiliary to this Society: *Provided*, That all the regular practitioners in the County have been invited to unite in its organization: *and, provided*, that the constitution and laws of such Society do not contravene those of the State Society.

SEC. 2. No one shall be admitted as a member of the County Society, unless he is either a graduate in medicine of some respectable Medical School, or has been a practitioner for at least five years; and who, moreover, is in good moral and professional standing in the place where he resides, and is a regular practitioner.

SEC. 3. Any physician who shall procure a patent for a remedy, or instrument of surgery, or who shall hereafter give a certificate in favor of a patent remedy, or instrument, shall be deemed disqualified from becoming a member of a County Society.

SEC. 4. As soon as the County Society is organized, the Secretary thereof shall transmit to the Corresponding and Recording Secretary one copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, with the names of their officers and members. The Society shall be authorized to elect one delegate to the State Society for every five of its members.

SEC. 5. Every County Society shall enforce the observance by its members of the Code of Ethics adopted by the State Society, and they shall be authorized to censure or expel any member convicted of violating its provisions.

SEC. 6. A member of the County Society who is censured or expelled, shall have a right to appeal to the State Society.

SEC. 7. A member who is expelled shall be debarred from the rights of consultation, or the privileges of professional intercourse with any member of the State Society.

SEC. 8. The County Societies shall report annually to the State Society a list of their officers and members, any new rules which they may adopt, and such other matters as they may deem interesting.

SEC. 9. The County Society shall hold at least two meetings in each year.

SEC. 10. If any County Medical Society shall neglect to perform all such acts as may be required to be done by the laws of the State Society, or shall be guilty of conduct derogatory to the honor of the Medical profession, or shall oppose or neglect to comply with the laws of the State Society, such County Society shall, during such delinquency, have their privileges, as a portion of the State Society, suspended, and their delegates shall not be entitled to a seat in the State Society.

#### ARTICLE VII.—*Meeting of the Society.*

The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting. The time and place of meeting shall be determined, for each succeeding year, by a vote of the Society.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—*Of the Funds of the Society.*

SEC. 1.—Funds for defraying the current expenses of the Society shall be raised by annual assessments on permanent members and County or District Societies, in connection with the State Society.

SEC. 2. Each permanent member, after being duly elected, and having signed the Constitution, shall pay the sum of five dollars as an admission fee, and be subject to the annual assessment of the Society, with the exception of the assessment for the year of his admission.

SEC. 3. Should a permanent member fail to pay the assessments two successive years, after having been notified by the Treasurer of his delinquencies, his name shall be stricken from the list of members.



SEC. 4. Each County or District Society shall pay through the hands of its Delegate or Delegates, the annual assessment; and in case such County or District Society is not represented, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to forward an account of said assessment to the Secretary or Treasurer of the County or District Society for collection.

SEC. 5. Should a County or District Society, in connection with this Society, fail to pay the annual assessment two successive years, after having been notified by the Treasurer of its delinquencies, its right of representation in this Society shall be suspended until said assessments are paid.

ARTICLE IX.—*Code of Ethics.*

This Society adopts, as a part of its regulations, that part of the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association, which it has published by its order.

ARTICLE X.—*Provisions for Amendments.*

Every proposal for altering or amending this Constitution shall be made in writing; and if such alteration or amendment receives the unanimous vote of the members present, it shall be adopted; but, if objections be made, the alteration or amendment shall lie over until the next annual meeting, when, if it receives the vote of two-thirds of the voters present, it shall be adopted.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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1st. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall call the Society to order; or in case of the absence of both these officers, a presiding officer shall be chosen by a majority of the members present.

2d. The appointment of a Committee to examine the Credentials of Delegates.

3d. The Report of the Committee on Credentials; also claims of those desiring to become permanent members.

4th. Calling Roll.

5th. Reading minutes of the preceding meeting.

6th. Any business requiring early consideration may, by permission, be introduced.

7th. Reports from County Societies.

8th. Correspondence shall be read by the Corresponding Secretary.

9th. Written Communications upon Medical subjects may be read and discussed.

10th. Oral Communications may be read and discussed.

11th. Election of Officers.

12th. The selection of a place for the next annual meeting of the Society.

13th. Unfinished and Miscellaneous business.

14th. Adjournment.



